



## Indiana Office of Energy Development

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### Indiana Awards Twelve Grants for Alternative Energy

(Indianapolis)—Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced 12 Alternative Power and Energy Grant awards totaling \$388,955. The money, part of a federal grant program administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development, will partially fund the purchase and installation of six solar power arrays and one wind turbine. The awards are the result of a competitive grant program that opened in November 2009.

“The local governments and small businesses that are receiving these grants are looking to the future,” said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. “They realize that alternative power sources need to be included as part of our energy portfolio in Indiana. All Hoosiers can learn from their experience.”

Grantees include:

Name	Grant Amount	Technology	Purpose
Bloomington Cooperative Services (Monroe County)	\$16,000	Solar panels	Solar array for Bloomingfoods Market & Deli
Curt Silvey, Kokomo (Howard)	\$11,000	Solar panels	To power grain dryer
Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library (Vanderburgh)	\$42,875	Solar panels	Solar array for Central Library
FCC Mfg., Portland	\$32,612	Solar water heating	Heat water used to clean manufactured parts
Haubstadt Community School, Fort Branch (Gibson)	\$12,500	2.4 kW wind turbine	Installing a wind turbine at the school was proposed by 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders.
IBEW Local 725, Terre Haute (Vigo)	\$26,250	Solar panels	Installation will also be used to train electrical workers
Indiana Municipal Power Agency, Carmel (Hamilton)	\$40,906	28 solar panels and solar hot water system	Demonstration/education project for power agency members
Jay County	\$19,112	Solar water heating	Jay County Highway Dept.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Lake County Electricians JATC	\$73,500	Solar panels	Joint project of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, IBEW Local 697, and Nat. Electrical Contractors Association for training
City of Portland (Jay)	\$27,924	Solar water heating	Hot water for community resource center and waste water treatment facility
City of Scottsburg (Scott)	\$67,515	Solar panels and Solar water heating	To be used at non-profit Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center
City of Winchester (Randolph)	\$18,761	Solar water heating	Hot water for Street Department facility

The Alternative Power and Energy grant is a competitive grant program funded through the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program. It's designed to increase awareness and utilization of alternative energy resources as well as to create vocational opportunities for Hoosiers interested in renewable energy.

Public entities, small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Indiana were eligible to apply for the program. Grants for 50% of an alternative energy project up to \$100,000 were made available. Approved technologies include Solar, Wind, Microhydroelectric, and biomass.

Each award must pass through a federal review, and the first to be cleared focused on solar and wind technologies. A total of \$879,000 is available for this program. Additional awards are expected later this year.

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The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit [www.energy.in.gov](http://www.energy.in.gov), or follow OED on twitter, IndianaEnergy.

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